TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 2634 – SB 2646

February 26, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014372): Limits the on-line or web-based courses used by dental hygienists to meet continuing education requirements to 50 percent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Dentistry

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Board of Dentistry will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to ensure that no more than 50 percent of a dental hygienist's continuing education was from online and web-based sources during the Board's regular continuing education audits.
- Any dental hygienist not meeting these requirement standards will be subjected to disciplinary actions by the Board. Any increase in expenditures to implement additional disciplinary measures will not be significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a balance of \$108,709.53. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jam W. White

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